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Untitled (Friedlander)

PUBLIC ART COLLECTION IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY



Number: 0009

Artist: Friedlander, Leo (1890 - 1966)

Title: Untitled

Date: Late 1940s

Type: Sculpture

Medium: Cast Aluminum

Dimensions: 102" x 153" x 8"d **Foundry/Fabricator**: Unknown

Location/Environment: City Hall, 901 Bagby @ Walker - City Council Chambers

Provenance: Given to the City of Houston

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Historical Background

Artist

Leo Friedlander was born in New York City on July 6, 1890. He was educated at the Art Students League in New York and at the Ecole des Beauxs Arts in Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France, and was an instructor at the American Academy in Rome, Italy. He was married and had two children. During the course of his career he was a professor at New York University where he was the head of the sculpture Department. He is also known for his sculpture in Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Physical Description

This aluminum sculpture (bas-relief) was created in an Art Deco style with two large figures of a male and a female. The male's feet are apart and he is reaching toward the female who is floating upward with one arm reaching back to the male and one in the direction in which she is floating. There is a small male bow man to the female's lower right, and a cityscape on a cloud floating behind the female.